

RIDOT Director Peter Alviti with Gene Valicenti on WPRO – July 8, 2021

Caller Questions from July 1, 2021

1. Liz from Portsmouth: Asked when we're going to put in the light on Route 138 across from Glen Farm in Portsmouth

This traffic signal will be installed as part of a upcoming intersection and crosswalk safety improvement project that will be advertised this winter, with construction starting in 2022.

2. Stan from Warwick: Reported two traffic signals where the timing needs to be adjusted: (1.) Reservoir Avenue at Chelo's in Cranston; (2.) Post Road at Lincoln Avenue in Warwick

At the Reservoir Avenue traffic signal near Chelo's, our Maintenance crews discovered the problem and fixed it.

As far as Post Road at Lincoln Avenue, the City of Warwick just paved Lincoln Avenue at that intersection and they still need to fix the traffic signal loops and restripe. We're waiting on a schedule from them for that work.

If Stan has more questions, he can contact Warwick DPW at 738-2003.

3. Ralph from Cranston: Reported a sunken manhole at 1740 Plainfield Pike and Olivia Drive in Cranston

Our Maintenance Division reached out to Cranston DPW. They will fix it under an existing contract. If Ralph has more questions, he can contact Cranston DPW at 461-1000.

4. Bob from Pawtucket: Concerned about the planks at the short wooden bridge at the Blackstone River Bikeway between Front and Martin streets in Lincoln

We checked in with DEM, as they maintain this bike path. They are in process of getting quotes to repair the bridge and plan to fix it by late summer/early fall.

If Bob has more questions, he can contact DEM Parks and Recreation at 667-6200.

5. Julie from Coventry: Reported sinkholes behind a retaining wall at 1288 Victory Highway (Route 102) in Coventry

We checked on this area after the show. The retaining wall is in good condition and our maintenance staff filled in two sinkholes. They will monitor the area should they redevelop.

6. Richard from Johnston: Asked that we clear a blocked drain on Tartaglia Street at Simmonsville Avenue in Johnston

One of our Maintenance Division drainage crews cleaned this drain the day of the show.

7. Charlie from Tiverton: Inquired when the remaining piers at the old Sakonnet River Bridge in Tiverton would come down

In latest update of our 10-year plan, which is under public review now, we have funds set aside in 2026 for planning and design of a project to remove the remaining piers. If the state gets additional infrastructure money from the federal government, there is a chance that project could happen sooner than 2026.

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- Website link to Gene's show: www.ridot.net/news
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- Website for help: www.ridot.net/help
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- Bike Path issues: DEM – [222-3070](tel:222-3070) for East Bay and Blackstone bikeways. Otherwise, the city or town in which the path is located is the proper contact.
- National Grid [1-800-322-3223](tel:1-800-322-3223)
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